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Letter from Mr. J. W. Twitty.

Our Venerable Correspondent Grows Reminiscent--Interesting Incidents of Long Ago--Result of Liquor Fight in Valdosta--State Prohibition May be the Next Thing.

Mr. Editor: A few days ago I saw in The News a short sketch of the life of Gen. W. F. Ervin, which brought to mind long years ago. Say from 1838 to 1848, he and I were very intimate. We visited and were much in each others' company. The intimacy or association can be accounted for to a degree because of his attachment or love for my aunt, Margaret Baskin. No doubt he thought that his association with me would bring him oftener in my aunt's company, which it did; but some how or other it did not culminate in anything serious. We often attended Fork Hill (Baptist) church. In that day, that church attracted larger congregations than any church in the community. I am not sure, but think it does until this day. The people are thickly settled and all of one belief, viz., Baptism by immersion. I do not fall out with them for that. Let all enjoy their own opinion in such matters. By the way, I admit freely that my first religious impressions led me to the conclusion that the Baptist church was the church and that all other creeds were usurpers. Environment has much to do in such matters.

I am reminded that most of my school days were spent in the Fork Hill community, my first teachers being Walcott, Jefferson and Wm. Blackmon, etc. down to Jno. T. Copeland in 1848. I could count many friends among the older citizens. In the days we are now considering it was not uncommon to immerse from 20 to nearly 100 candidates in one day. Among the preachers that attended the church then were Parker Thompson, Joseph Copeland, Wiley Blackmon, W. F. Brasington and Allen Small. Mr. Brasington's service was much longer than any other pastor. He was loyal to his church and as true as steel. These preachers and teachers have all "passed over the river."

This is a digression. I intended to say more about Gen. Ervin. He was an active, energetic farm hand. Later he studied surveying, under Capt. James D. McIlwain, and was proficient in such work, and still later on he offered himself a candidate for the office of Surveyor General of the State, and was successful and discharged the duties of the office for at least one term. So much for the farmer boy hero. No doubt now, in his old age, he (like myself) dwells upon olden times. I am a "News" reader and what I have said comes under his eyes I want to urge him to write me a long letter.

In my last communication I

mentioned the fact that a very hot campaign was on touching prohibition or licensed saloons. The election came off yesterday and resulted in the defeat of the wet ticket by 709 majority—a landslide. The best women in town were about the polling precinct from 4 o'clock a. m. until 6 p. m., from 200 to 500 strong, singing and praying, with music (instrumental and vocal) kept up all the time; with banners and mottoes in every direction. The appeals of the ladies were irresistible. The liquor men are not satisfied, but I think they have no chance to undo. Therefore, Valdosta and Lowndes county will enter upon a new experience, and I hope and believe it will prove best for all concerned.

The Georgia Legislature convenes tomorrow and it is believed that that body will pass a State prohibition law. Should such an act be passed it will show very clearly that public sentiment is getting ready for a U. S. prohibitory law, and at same time prohibiting the manufacturing of liquor in this government. Then we will stand on good ground. Let it come.

Our grandchild is much improved and we believe now he will recover. Wife still absent, I am sorry to say. If this old-time talk will not read, keep it out of print.

Yours truly,
J. W. Twitty.

Valdosta, Ga., June 26, 1907.

Veteran McLain Dead.

Monroe Journal: Mr. Brown McLain, a well known old soldier, died at Waxhaw Sunday night. He was shot in the head during battle and both eyes put out. All the long years since the war he was helpless and never learned to get about much without aid. He used to be seen on the streets here groping about with his cane or having some friend to lead him, and presented a strikingly pathetic figure.

Severe Storm in Mississippi.

Natchez, Miss., June 26.—A forty-mile-an hour wind storm struck this city late to-day, working considerable damage to tin roofs and prostrating telegraph wires on both sides of the Mississippi River in this territory.

To Address Veterans in Monroe.

Monroe Enquirer: Hon. J. M. Hough, of Landsford, S. C., and Capt. W. C. Heath, of Monroe, will address the old soldiers here on the fourth of July. Mr. Hough is a veteran, having gone through the Civil war from start to finish. Capt. Heath, by reason of age knows nothing of the war from experience, but he has a large place in his heart for veterans. Good speaking is in store for the veterans.

Col. S. J. C. Dunlap.

Another Account of the Passing Away of the Gallant Confederate Soldier.

The Courier-Informant, of Bartow, Florida, in its issue of the 13th instant, gives the following particulars of the life and death of Col. Samuel J. C. Dunlap of that city, whose death was noted in a recent issue of The News: Col. Samuel J. C. Dunlap died at his home in this city on Tuesday afternoon the 11th inst., at three o'clock. He had been in failing health for nearly a year and had given up business in the hope that a rest from "the heat and burden" of a long business life would bring at least a partial restoration of his health. But in this hope his family and friends were sadly disappointed. His condition gradually grew worse until the last summons came, when he sank peacefully to rest.

Col. Dunlap was born in Kershaw county, South Carolina, Dec., 26, 1833, his father being a large cotton planter in that section. He completed his education at Wake Forest College, N. C., and not long after he graduated, married his first wife, Miss Ingram of Lancaster, county, S. C., where he resided for a time, removing later to Americus, Ga., where he lost his wife by death.

When the Civil war broke out he entered the service as captain of company "B" 46th Ga., Regt. and served with distinguished gallantry until disabled by serious wounds, at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., near the close of the war. He was also engaged in the battles of Chicamauga, Lookout mountain and in the numerous engagements of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's campaign from Dalton to Atlanta, and at the time he was disabled at Franklin was the senior colonel in his brigade.

After the war Col. Dunlap engaged in business at Fort Lawn, S. C., where he married the present Mrs. Dunlap, who survives him. In December 1888 he removed with his family to Bartow and since that time his life has been "known and read of all men" in this community and in this entire section. His high character, his uprightness, his gentle and generous nature and his devotion to his civil and religious duties were known to all who had business or other association with him. He was a faithful member of the A. R. P. church of this city, and was its Sunday school superintendent for many years until failing health compelled him to relinquish his duties.

The funeral services were held at the family residence on Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. F. E. Rogers, assisted by Rev. W. A. M. Plaxco, and the remains laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Col. Dunlap leaves a wife and

four children, the latter being O. L. Dunlap of Fort Lawn, S. C., Mrs. R. A. Myers of Norcross, Ga., Mr. Sam'l Dunlap and Miss Nellie Dunlap of this city, who have the sympathy of this entire community in their deep affliction.

Result of Kershaw Election not Yet Declared--Protest to be Heard next Monday.

Camden special in The State: The board of election commissioners for Kershaw county met here today for the purpose of canvassing the vote in the recent election on the whiskey question and to declare the results.

The boxes of the various precincts were opened and the vote was tabulated but on account of the fact that notice of protest was filed, the result was not officially declared.

Messrs Thos. J. Kirkland and B. B. Clark, attorneys for the county dispensary board, appeared before the commissioners and petition of citizens was filed in the name of Mr. H. E. Schroder, protesting against the manner of holding the election on the question of dispensary and the John McSmyrle Distilling company filed a petition of a somewhat similar character as to the election on the question of distillery.

The board of commissioners set Monday, July 1, as the date for hearing evidence and argument in the matter. It is expected that Messrs R. H. Welch and W. Boyd Evans of Columbia, in addition to the local attorneys, will appear in support of the petitions of protest filed. The prohibitionists will likely be represented by attorneys, also, and the fight put up on that day will doubtless be interesting and more or less "warm."

The vote shows a majority of 76 against the dispensary and a majority of 81 against the distillery.

Killed by Lightning

Spartanburg special in the News and Courier: Joe Gosset, a young white man, was killed by lightning, while riding along a road on his bicycle near Walnut Grove to-day. The lightning first struck a telegraph pole and glancing off struck Gosset. A man who happened to be passing on a mule at the time was badly stunned by the shock.

Girl Dies Horrible Death.

Anderson special in the News and Courier: Little Miss Pearl Forrester, the ten year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Forrester, of the Orr Mill village, died this morning from lock jaw. She stepped on a nail about ten days ago and several days ago the dreaded disease took hold of her. She suffered terribly and her death was a most horrible one.

Ferguson-Patterson.

The Beautiful Wedding in Pleasant Valley Wednesday Evening.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: A beautiful wedding took place Wednesday night at 8:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Patterson at Pleasant Valley, S. C., when Miss Beulah May Patterson was wedded to Mr. Frank E. Ferguson, of Fort Mill, S. C. Rev. M. Owings, pastor of the Methodist church of Fort Mill, performed the ceremony. The bride, charmingly attired, was given away by her sister, Mrs. Frank Skinner, and Mr. Frank Skinner was best man.

The home was artistically decorated in ferns and evergreens. After the marriage ceremony, a reception was tendered the bridal couple and the guests by the bride's mother which was very enjoyable. The most beautiful of the many lovely presents was that given by the groom to the bride, a gold necklace, set with diamonds.

Those who attended from Charlotte were Mr. and Mr. Frank Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brise and Mr. Lem Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson passed through the city yesterday en route to Jamestown. On their return they will be at home in Fort Mill, where Mr. Ferguson is one of the foremen of the Charlotte Brick Company.

Exciting Runaway in Rock Hill--Several Persons Hurt.

Rock Hill Herald: Mesdames H. M. Dunlap, J. H. Miller, W. J. Roddey and W. W. Fennell were all quite painfully bruised and hurt in a runaway accident Saturday afternoon. They were out driving and the horse attached to the surrey took fright at an engine near the overhead trestle on Chatham Avenue and ran away. About opposite the residence of Dr. Massey on Chatham Avenue the surrey collided with a buggy in which Master John Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lindsay, was riding, and was turned over. The occupants were all thrown out on the hard pavement and while they all were very painfully bruised, none of them was seriously hurt. Mrs. Miller received the most serious bruises, one shoulder being badly wrenched. It is thought that she fell against the stone curbing on the pavement. Mrs. Dunlap held a baby in her arms and there was another child in the surrey, but they both escaped unhurt. The party had what appeared to be almost a miraculous escape from serious injuries. The horse stopped running after the surrey was overturned. Young Lindsay was also thrown from his buggy and got his left leg and ankle joint badly bruised. It may be several weeks before he will be able to walk.